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PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Twisted Intentions, a motorcycle stunt team from Chatham, added a new dimension to the popular two-day Virgil Stampede, which drew crowds Saturday and Monday under mostly sunny skies. For more photos see pages 12 and 13.

Shaw planning expansion

New theatre in the works for former Anchorage property on Ricardo Street.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's difficult to imagine a more breath-taking setting for a theatre than set into a hill overlooking the mouth of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario, Fort Niagara in the distance.

And who better to plan such a theatre than the Shaw Festival. The local not-for-profit theatre company that for 50 years has been building an international reputation for great plays in elegant settings has plans to purchase the property of the former Anchorage motel and restaurant on Ricardo Street, with the stunning vista of the yacht club, the river and the American fort on the horizon.

It's just a hop, skip and jump from the main Festival theatre and administration—in fact it almost feels like an expansion of that property, says executive director Colleen Blake, who is excited to be involved in the growth of the four-theatre festival.

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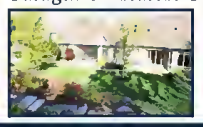

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Location is ideal for theatre and should be good for community

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While performance space is the purpose of the expansion, and an architect working on a feasibility study has indicated the location is ideal, it's too soon for more details of the vision that is far from developed, said Blake.

The Festival also presents plays in the historic Court House Theatre, where the Shaw held its first performance, the Royal George Theatre, modeled after an Edwardian opera house, and the Studio Theatre, a new 200-seat space in an addition to the Festival building.

All theatres are within a short walking distance of each other, and this newest property will be the closest yet to the Festival Theatre.

Vintage Inns is purchasing the property from the Fowler Group, with plans to operate the motel for the near future, and will sell it to the Shaw once the financing is in place, expected within the next five years, says Blake.

It will make the Shaw and Vintage neighbours—next to the Anchorage property is the impressive Queen's Landing Inn—and both saw benefits to being neighbours.

But the Festival, a not-for-profit organization, was not in a financial position to jump in quickly.

"We don't have that significant an amount of cash in place to purchase it at this point," said Blake.

"When you have a project in mind it's important to have a place to put it. This opportunity came up and we didn't want to lose it, so we began discussions with Vintage."

This agreement is the first of many steps that are part of a multi-year plan, details of which will be announced at a later date.

The Shaw will be working with the town to rezone the property to allow for a new theatre, said Blake.

"We are very aware of the town's vision for the dock area, and we think this will fit in nicely. I think it will be fantastic for the community and for the Shaw."

The Anchorage was sold several years ago to a St. Catharines development company which had plans to turn the two and a half acres into a hotel with some condominiums and a fine-dining restaurant.

A sign provided by the Shaw Festival at the end of Mississauga Street, surrounded by town plantings, proclaims this the Shaw's 50th season.

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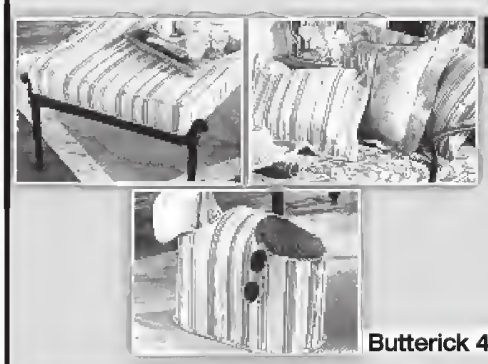
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Close call for controversial community centre sign—approved by tie–breaking vote

In a town known for strict sign control, council wrestles with community centre's 'final puzzle piece.'

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The last piece of the puzzle will soon be in place.

After much discussion about a sign for the community centre that some councillors think is too large, too contemporary and too busy—one resident is calling it sleazy and Las Vegas-style—and others deem appropriate and necessary, a council tie broken by Lord Mayor Dave Eke Tuesday allows the sign to go ahead as planned.

It took more than a decade to see the new community centre project complete, from the early days of discussion, through several design changes and long waits for government funding.

The doors opened in March, the centre is already well-used for a range of activities, but in this town of Niagara-on-the-Lake with its strict sign bylaws, it took several revisits to the drawing board to come up with a sign facing Niagara Stone Road that the community centre committee and the facility's occupants could live with.

But the final design is almost three times the size that the town bylaw allows, and even though it's on town property, the sign had to go through the sign variance committee, where it was turned down.

It went to council this week for a final decision, and although not everybody agrees the town should allow a sign much larger than private businesses, after lengthy debate it has been approved.

Town administrator Mike Galloway pointed out last week that the sign is representing a "campus-style environment" on a large acreage, not just one business, and that several names need to be on it. In addition to the library and community centre, the lawn bowling club and the nursery school pay to use the facility, and are entitled to have their names included.

"You have a lot of land there, unlike the typical business. The one-size fits all bylaw doesn't work with every application. That's why you (council) have the ability to make exceptions. This is the final piece to this puzzle that has been in the works for the last 10 years," said Galloway.

"It needs to be approved as presented."

And Second Cup, which runs the cafe in the building, has it written into its contract that it will be on the sign, he said.

It is being constructed in sections so that names can be changed or added.

All of that takes space, and the facilities committee brought a design to council that will be displayed on a 12-foot tall sign, with a two-line LED electronic message display across the centre that will remain constant at least 24 hours at the time.

The sign variance committee turned it down on the basis of size—what was proposed is 90 square feet, on top of a brick pedestal, while the bylaw restricts the size of a ground sign to 32 square feet.

Mary Birkholz lives in St. Andrew's Glen, across the street from the community centre. She came to council Tuesday to ask that the sign be turned down. Its contemporary design and LED message board are not appropriate for the entrance to the historic Old Town, she said, and will invite private businesses to expect the same.

Four councillors agreed with her, saying the sign is too big, it's inappropriate, and sends the wrong message to businesses that are forced to live with the town's strict sign bylaw.

Councillors Jim Collard, Martin Mazza, Jamie King and Andrea Kaiser voted against it.

"It's a beautiful new facility and we want to celebrate it and have people use it. But it sends the wrong message if we approve this for a public property but not for the business community," said Councillor Jamie King.

"We need to consider contextual signage for the entrance to the historic community. This is a bit of an assault. We don't see it elsewhere in the Old Town."

Those looking for activities in the community centre will find that information elsewhere, he said.

But others approved of the design, said it needs to be large to get all the necessary information on it, and that it is appropriate given the size and nature of the property.

"It's a monument sign, well-designed by the facilities committee, on a significant property with a large amount of greenspace," said Councillor Gary Zalepa.

"We have approved large signs on large properties for private businesses. And the message board is used very effectively at the Meridian Credit Union Arena. It draws people in."

Partnerships with Second Cup and Niagara Nursery School are important and their success will benefit the community, giving the town cause to support them through advertising on the sign, some councillors said.

There have been no other signs of that size permitted in town for many years, the variance committee report stated—the closest it could find is Caroline Cellars at 48 square feet—and "the unique qualities that make up NOTL include the well-known attitude toward intrusive signs."

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MPP tours renovated Newark Neighbours

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Newark Neighbours, Niagara-on-the-Lake's food bank and charity shop, has existed without government help for almost 40 years—and the volunteers who run it like it that way.

But they were more than pleased to welcome MPP Kim Craitor to their premises Friday, their first official visit ever from a government representative.

Craitor said when he read an article about Newark Neighbours in the Advance recently, he was surprised—he didn't know that the town had its own food bank, or that there was a need for one.

While he has toured those in Niagara Falls and Fort Erie—even done some volunteering—he said he hadn't realized NOTL had residents in need.

Volunteer Bonnie Turner explained that there are seniors in town whose taxes eat up most of their income, single mothers who have trouble feeding their kids, and those on disability pensions that don't stretch far enough.

While the organization was founded by Peggy Anderson to help those who moved to the area to farm, many of whom had large families, they have done well and don't need help anymore.

But others have taken their place, explained Newark president Margo Van de Laar.

When Anderson began collecting food and clothing from generous NOTL individuals to pass on to those in need, she trusted those who asked for help to be honest about their situation.

Now, to be accountable to businesses and individuals who donate to Newark, and to ensure those who need help are the ones who receive it, the charity follows the guidelines of food banks in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, asking for proof of income before handing over boxes of food.

But there the similarity ends, and Craitor was impressed by what he saw.

Newark is run entirely by volunteers, with a roster of about 16 regulars—there are no paid positions.

Enough food is collected, mostly through food drives by organizations such as the local Lions Clubs, that people who need to can come every other week to stock up.

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Volunteers Brenda Shah, Margo Van de Laar, Bonnie Turner and Bill Van de Laar talk to MPP Kim Craitor about the role of Newark Neighbours in the community.

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NOTL food bank has never asked for or received government help

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And thanks to Harvest Barn, they have baked goods, including pies, and fresh fruit and vegetables to add to the boxes of food.

Over the years, says Van de Laar, Newark has had some criticism leveled at it by those who believe the organization exists to help the farm workers who arrive each spring from the Caribbean and Mexico, and who get paid for their labour.

Newark collects used household items such as pots and pans, linens and small appliances, to sell to the workers as they set up their living quarters, as well as work clothes. That money helps Newark pay its bills and buy anything needed in the way of food, which is not sold to the farm workers.

It is given away, but only to local residents on a list of about 25 to 30 people who have provided proof that they qualify.

"I'm sad to know that there is a need for this in NOTL," said Craitor. "You don't think about these social issues here in town. But it's great to know that people are being looked after."

He praised the group of volunteers for their dedication, and their enthusiasm.

"Other similar organizations have paid staff. It's amazing what you as volunteers can accomplish, at such little cost. It's so obvious you are all here because you truly care, and for no other reason. No government could afford to pay for the work of volunteers."

Brenda Shah has been at Newark since the days when Anderson was still running the organization, and was proud of doing it without government assistance.

But it's because the community has always been so generous, she said, that Newark can be self-sufficient.

"We really don't need government help."

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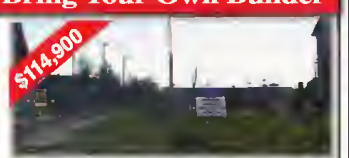

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our editorial

Congratulations to the Shaw Festival on its newest project as it begins its next half century

What a year this is turning out to be for the Shaw Festival!

The Festival opens its 50th season this week with plays that are bound to please. Those who have been to My Fair Lady, already seen in previews—it opens officially Saturday—are raving. Heartbreak House, directed by Christopher Newton, is bound to be a hit, and Candida is a sentimental favourite as the first play ever performed by what would become a world-renowned theatre festival dedicated to Bernard Shaw.

There have already been some special events recognizing the accomplishments of the theatre that has grown from two plays over eight weeks to 11 productions over seven months. And in addition to the Shaw favourites, there are some new plays and playwrights that promise to be intriguing and compelling, with a 2011 playbill that represents a future for the festival as strong as its past.

With an annual operating budget of more than $26 million, the festival generated $106.6 million for the province of Ontario in 2010. Its success is good news for the province, the region, and for Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This week we heard more good news. The Shaw plans to purchase the Ricardo Street property that is now home to the Anchorage motel and restaurant. While there were ambitious plans for development by a St. Catharines group, they never materialized, and a prime piece of dock area property with one of the most beautiful views in town has been left to languish.

The Shaw saw the potential, and set about trying to make the dream a reality with help from another good community partner, Vintage Inns.

From humble beginnings in the Court House to four unique theatres, Shaw now has plans for another performance space, and has found an ideal location.

We know that whatever the Shaw does will be done well, with elegance and sophistication.

And we know that it can only be a benefit to the community, adding grace and style to the dock area, already one of the most interesting corners of town.

We congratulate the Shaw Festival, thank them for their contribution to our town and wish them well, on their 50th season as it unfolds, and on this newest venture as they begin their next 50 years.

Master Gardener Diane Turner is heading up the St. Mark's Church Plant and Garden Sale this Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon with perennials, garden tools, gadgets and tool sharpening at St. Mark's Church on Byron Street.

letters to the editor

Thanks to a great neighbour

During the April windstorm several very large and tall trees around our house were almost at the point of toppling. Eventually a huge one did fall, but, thank God, onto another tree, both of which were a few yards from the house. The second tree heaved on its roots but did not give. We desperately called local arborists, but as one can imagine, all were busy, except one who thankfully came to give an estimate but did not seem to see our situation as an emergency - we were in imminent danger of losing our house, the tree was so huge, and the winds were still strong. As a last resort we called our neighbour Ernie Wiens who came immediately, saw the danger, and came back with some help and a tractor and chains. The fallen tree was put on hold with the chains and the tractor, so lessening the immediate danger. The next day Mr. Wiens came with a bigger crew and after some dangerous work with chain saws on ladders, the tree was pulled away from the house and down with two tractors.

Not only that, Mr. Wiens' crew cut up the tree and carted it away.

This act of neighbourly kindness and quick action literally saved our house, a heritage house, from being destroyed. We owe Mr. Wiens a huge debt of gratitude and wish it be known in the community what a fine neighbour he is.

Kaspar Pold

Thanks to region and regional councillor for looking after storm water

Last Wednesday night (May 18) after a lot of rain our side yard started to flood.

Down the road from us a drain must have been plugged up and as a result the amount of water coming from the farm, church and land by us had no where to go but our yard.

We called the Region and then called Regional Councillor Dave Lepp. He was at our home within 20 minutes. He checked out the situation, put in a call and within an hour the water had pretty much gone.

This also happened before and he came within a half hour. We would like to thank Dave and the Region workers who had to be out on that miserable night.

The Wrights
Niagara Stone Road

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Regardless of where you travel in the world we quickly realize that each nation tries to promote its uniqueness, its history in music, art, literature, in statues of its heroes, in distinctive architecture.

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This of course is taught in our schools but this not enough. Once exams are over our youth will quickly forget unless our cities and towns reflect the story of our past and make history live for generations to come.

The Niagara Heritage Alliance represents all twelve municipalities in the Region of Niagara. We are committed to heritage preservation throughout the Region and this alliance or umbrella group allows us to speak with a united and stronger voice when our built or natural heritage is threatened.

We invite those who are interested in the preservation of our built, cultural and natural heritage here in Niagara to contact the Niagara Heritage Alliance at 905-468-2058.

Val O'Donnell

Letters to the Editor

Two historic churches now one celebrate impor– tant milestones

St. Davids-Queenston United Church celebrated the 223rd anniversary of the founding of the St. Davids Church in 1788 and the 225th anniversary of the Queenston Church, with its roots dating two years earlier.

St. Davids and Queenston United Churches belonged to a two-point charge until 1996, when the historic Queenston church, dwindling in members, joined with St. Davids.

In September 2008, when Morrison Street United Church in Niagara Falls closed its doors and its minister Rev. Paul James came as minister to St. Davids, several families happily followed him and actively joined the congregation.

Rev. Tony Gazzard, a retired United Church minister after 41 years of ministry and a member of the congregation, was the guest speaker.

Following the service there was a pot luck luncheon. Life-long active members Evelyn Stewart, 91, of St. Davids and Helen Glendenning, 95, of Queenston cut the anniversary cake.

In the midst of many churches sadly having to close, St. Davids-Queenston United Church is very much alive and well.

For anyone interested in joining a friendly family of faith, a warm welcome awaits them.

Evelyn Stewart

Rev. Tony Gazzard, Rev. Paul James, Rev. Martin Asumang-Birikorang, Rev. Merrill James, Evelyn Stewart and Helen Glendenning celebrate the history of two local churches.

The Farmers' Market at the Village on Niven Road and Niagara Stone Road opened Saturday, and will be open every Saturday until the fall, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are new vendors, returning regulars, a lineup of cooking demonstrations and more, including PigOut for great food each week. There was also very creative face-painting for the kids opening day, which Maya Clattenburg (right) enjoyed.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Redevelopment of

The Lawn Bowling Club – 244 Regent Street

& The Community Centre – 29 Platoff Street

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has completed construction of a new Community Centre which now accommodates the facilities previously housed at the above properties.

As a result, the Town is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals, groups, organizations or other interested parties for redevelopment of the above properties.

Proposals should enhance the neighbourhood, benefit the community and respect the surrounding heritage resources.

Deadline for Proposals: Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 2:30 PM.

For further information and to download an application form, please visit the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Web Site at www.notl.org or Contact Leah Wallace at lwallace@notl.org

SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATION

Niagara & St. Davids Pools

Saturday May 28, 2011

Register at Centennial Arena. Mary Snider Room
9:00 am - 11:00 am
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At 905-468-4261

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF TAX & RATE BY-LAW: 2011 TAX RATES FOR GENERAL LEVY & SPECIAL AREA LEVIES

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will consider approval of the By-law on:

Date: Monday, June 13, 2011
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Town Administration Building
Council Chambers

The report will be presented at the June 6 Committee of the Whole meeting, and copies will be available on the Town's Website at www.notl.org and in the Clerk's Department on Friday, June 3, at 12 noon. Delegation requests to speak to the report must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Final approval of the By-law will be presented at the June 13 Council meeting.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Clerk's Department at 905-468-3266 or hdowd@notl.org.

Holly Dowd
Town Clerk
May 26, 2011

INSTALLATION OF AN ALL-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF LINE 1 ROAD AND CONCESSION 4 ROAD

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Town Niagara-on-the-Lake has amended By-Law 4308-09 to establish an all-way stop at the intersection of Line 1 Road and Concession 4 Road.

Currently, only Concession 4 Road traffic is required to stop. Drivers are urged to use extra caution at this intersection as traffic on Line 1 Road adjusts to the new stop signs.

New stop signs will be erected on May 30, 2011 and enforcement of the all-way stop will commence immediately upon installation.

Any questions please contact Susan Dunsmore of the Department of Public Works at (905) 468-3278.

TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE INSTALLATION OF AN ALL-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF QUEENSTON ROAD AND CONCESSION 7 ROAD

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Town Niagara-on-the-Lake has amended By-Law 4308-09 to establish an all-way stop at the intersection of Queenston Road and Concession 7 Road.

Currently, only Concession 7 Road traffic is required to stop. Drivers are urged to use extra caution at this intersection as traffic on Queenston Road adjusts to the new stop signs.

New stop signs will be erected on May 30, 2011 and enforcement of the all-way stop will commence immediately upon installation.

Any questions please contact Susan Dunsmore of the Department of Public Works at (905) 468-3278.

Chris Blake, executive director of Music Niagara, Rev. Bob Wright, Music Niagara artistic director Atis Bankas and St. Mark's music director Michael Tansley prepare for the summer festival's free preview concert Sunday, May 29 at 7 p.m.

Preview Music Niagara

Free Sunday concert will offer a taste of what's to come in summer series

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A free Sunday concert at St. Mark's will be a preview of what's to come this summer during the popular Music Niagara's 40-concert festival.

Artistic director Atis Bankas promises some surprises Sunday, including a crowd-pleasing FaFa ensemble, offering "a little jazzy, gypsy, Latin" music from Bankas himself, playing with the Quartetto Gelato, one of the returning favourites at the summer festival.

He also promises the Spring movement—appropriate for the spring concert—of Vivaldi's Four Seasons, which will also close the festival at the final concert, a Vivaldi spectacular at St. Mark's.

To hear more don't miss Sunday's concert, or check out the website at musicniagara.org for details.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
2011 CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE
MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011

On behalf of Town Council, I would like to invite residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake to attend the 2011 Celebration of Heritage Special Council meeting at Navy Hall, 305 Ricardo Street, on Monday, May 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

This special evening is being held to commemorate our unique heritage and to present Heritage Plaques and Commendation Certificates to members of our community who have made a significant contribution to conservation.

Heritage displays will be available at Navy Hall for viewing prior to and following the meeting.

All are welcome to attend and join Council in the celebration of our heritage.

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Doors close one last time in June as students move on to Crossroads in September.

The 50th anniversary of the small school on East and West Line was celebrated with a reunion not long ago, so the closing party for Col. John Butler will be a social event to mark the end of an era for students, alumni and the community.

Parent Sheri Willms, chair of the celebration committee, says Butler is a small school with an incredibly close community of families who have been very active and involved in school life.

She has helped plan for an outdoor event at the school Wednesday, June 1, with music entertainment by Laura Secord's massive and famous drum line and Eden High School's fabulous jazz band.

With a few short presentations of memories and reflections of years at Butler from students and a performance by the school choir, the evening will include coffee and dessert.

The doors of school will be open at 6 p.m. for all to have a last walk through the 'one-hall wonder' with music starting at 6:30 p.m., said Willms.

"We're just looking at the event as a party to recognize the school closing, and we would love to see the community come out and celebrate with us."

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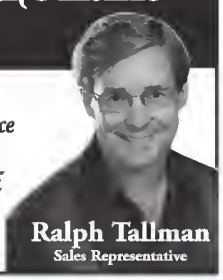

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A unique log & brick home situated on an acre lot very close to the Niagara Parkway and only minutes to the old town of Niagara on the Lake. MLS 20132926. Viviane Elltoft or Tom Elltoft.

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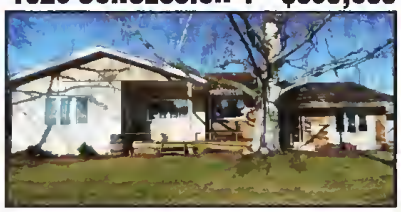
Preserved mid-century home with an appealing open concept feel including vaulted ceilings with wood beams and large picture window. Home is situated on good size lot in desirable Chautauqua area. MLS 20137950.. Kim Elltoft or Tom Elltoft.

1928 CONCESSION 4 • $389,000



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Another great year for the two–day Virgil Stampede fundraiser

Good weather, great events attract crowds

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Despite weather forecasts that looked less than promising, the sun smiled on the Virgil Stampede for most of the Victoria Day weekend two-day event.

Mary Snider, one of the lead organizers of the Virgil Business Association's annual fundraiser, said the grounds were crowded both days.

The fireworks, as always, were well-attended, although some of the higher selections were not set off out of concern about the high winds Monday evening.

The motorcycle stuntmen, who entertained during several performances Saturday and Monday, were crowd-pleasers and will likely be invited back next year.

But the biggest turnout remains for the popular mud bog, which filled the spectator seats Saturday. It was a warm evening with lots of excitement to heat up the crowd which turned out to watch ATVs, motorcycles and trucks slog through the thickest mud bog yet, created by expert Jim Goertz and his team of helpers for the occasion.

Mike London and his reptiles thrilled the young ones Monday, as did Busker Jay, with his juggling and fire-eating act inside the arena.

The Virgil Business Association has donated more than $1 million to the community, and couldn't continue the tradition without the support of those who attend and the dedication of the many volunteers whose hard work makes the event a success, said Snider.

Exciting rides and great food, served here by volunteers Julie Paul and Dave Dick, are just two of the attractions at the annual two-day Virgil Stampede.

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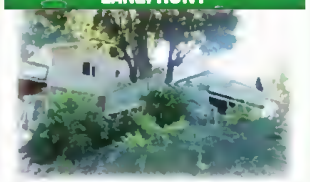

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PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

There was something for everyone at the Stampede. The motorcycle stuntmen from Chatham were a crowd-pleaser, and the mud run filled the spectator stands. Kasey Buttner was one of many children fascinated by Mike London's reptiles, and the amusement rides drew kids of all ages.

SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Consider planting a tree this summer, says expert Tonie Mori of Mori Gardens. In addition to providing shade they are good for the environment and your home property value.

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Mature trees will shade buildings therefore keeping them cooler in the summer and reducing the need for air conditioning. In the winter, evergreen trees can provide windbreaks that can help cut heating costs.

Air pollution is a serious health threat that causes asthma, headaches, respiratory and heart disease, and cancer. Trees are always working to clean the air for us by absorbing pollutants and contaminates through their leaves, reducing air temperature, through respiration, and by retaining particulates. A mature tree will produce as much oxygen in a season as 10 people need in a year.

Trees also fight soil erosion, conserve rainwater and reduce water runoff and sediment deposit after storms. Erosion control has always started with tree planting projects. Tree roots bind the soil and their leaves break the force of wind and rain on soil.

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Also by planting trees, we can move back to a more natural environment, attracting birds and other wildlife to our urban neighborhoods.

Besides the economic and environmental benefits, trees also make life more pleasant. They have a beauty and strength that makes us feel more tranquil. Studies have shown that ill people recover faster if they have a view of trees. Trees can soften a city landscape or add structure to a backyard. They provide privacy, emphasize views, screen out objectionable views or enhance architecture.

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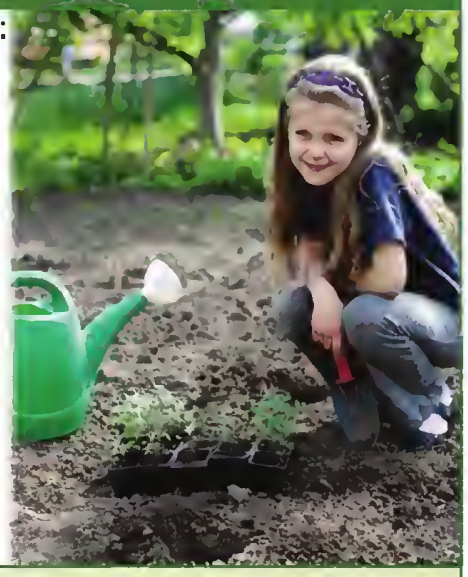

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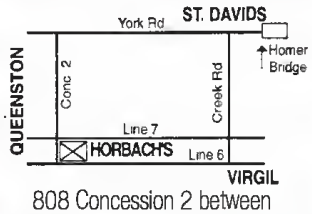

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Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Billy Lake is not only getting around town a little easier, he is having a blast while he's at it.

The Shaw Festival actor has never driven a car or had a driver's licence, so he is accustomed to relying on a bicycle for transportation.

But he recently discovered ebikes, and now can not only get around town but to Niagara Falls or St. Catharines without arriving exhausted and sweaty, he says.

"All my friends want to borrow it," he says, "but that's not happening."

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If you can ride a bicycle, you can ride an ebike, assures ESkoot owner Colin Telfer—rent one to tour around town in style, or if you want an alternative way to get to work, you can purchase one.

Colin Telfer and Jennifer Elliot are renting and selling e-bikes from their Mary Street outlet, and Billy Lake is loving his new mode of transportation.

You've likely seen a few locals scooting to an afternoon Shaw performance or on errands around town, he says.

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And you can enjoy our local bike paths—Ontario laws treat ebikes as they would a traditional bike, although pedestrians like to be warned when one is passing—they are just as quiet as a bicycle.

"They allow you to travel a lot faster than on a bike, but you can still relax and enjoy the scenery, and even carry on a conversation if there are two of you," Telfer says.

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Community Policing ready for bike rodeo

Annual event for farm workers from the Caribbean and Mexico helps keep them safe on NOTL roads.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake has a new community policing officer.

After spending 25 of her 27 years with the Niagara Regional Police on patrol, Const. Gina Allan has taken on the role of liaison officer with the community policing committees of Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Her job, as she describes it—and she considers herself fortunate to have the opportunity—is to take the issues that are of concern to the residents of NOTL back to her supervisors, so that the team, including the community policing representatives, can work together on solutions.

She is familiar with the town from her days on patrol, she says. She loved it then, and she loves the part she gets to play in continuing to keep NOTL residents safe. "It's a different job, but it's important," she says.

"And I love it. I like dealing with people who have a vested interest in the community, who are willing to work toward bettering it, and who are excited about being able to help out. I like being around people who want to do something good, and I like seeing positive things come to fruition."

It also helps, adds Allan, "that the people I'm dealing with are very, very nice. They welcomed me with open arms."

This is a busy time of year for the NOTL committee—its annual bike rodeo for offshore workers, which has expanded in the more than 15 years it has been held, is this Sunday, May 29.

June 1, NOTL elementary school kids up to Grade 3 are invited to an Emergency Services 911 Day in Niagara Falls, where they get to meet police, paramedics, firefighters and other emergency personnel, a day that is intended to be fun and instructional.

The committee has issued an invitation to a representative of MADD—Mothers Against Drunk Driving—to come to their June meeting, and is discussing beginning a chapter in NOTL.

They are also looking at holding a clinic for installing child car seats.

The NOTL committee is considering helping with a NRP initiative—Lock it or Lose it. It's aimed at reminding tourists to lock their cars and put any valuables out of sight, so as not to entice thieves looking for easy targets.

The program is expected to include reminders on downtown pay and display parking machines, and will see police officers patrolling parking lots, and leaving checklists to either tell shoppers they've done a great job or gently reminding them to lock their cars and store their personal belongings where they won't be seen.

Sitting at the table with community members, says Allan, "is a different facet of policing. Everybody brings something different to the table. It's different from what I'm used to, but I still love getting up and going to work every morning."

The farm workers' bike rodeo is Sunday at 12 noon at the Virgil arena.

There will be draws for bicycles, refreshments and door prizes, a health representative, and Spanish dancers from Toronto. There will be help with bike repairs, and an opportunity to test riding skills on a road course.

NOTL Community Policing Committee chair Bill Dickson works out details of Sunday's Farm Workers Bike Rodeo with the NRP liaison officer, Const. Gina Allan.

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NOTL meeting place for group celebrating 60 years of friendship

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A group of nine women are in Niagara-on-the-Lake this week—to talk.

They will be shopping, sight-seeing, maybe visiting a winery or two and enjoying some of the great restaurants the town has to offer, but mostly, they just want to put their feet up, get caught up on each other's news, and celebrate the fact that they all turn 65 this year.

The remarkable part of the story is that they have been friends for 60 years.

They grew up in the town of Acton, but now are scattered, mostly across Ontario, with one coming in from Saskatchewan. They met when they shared the same Kindergarten class, stayed together through elementary and high school, and then went their separate ways for university. They settled according to where they found jobs, or husbands.

There was a period of about 20 years when they didn't see each other, says Gerry Kentner, who thought the local paper might be interested in what these nine women were doing in town, as they made their way down main street, in and out of stores, as a group.

But they kept in touch, through letters and Christmas cards, and eventually began meeting again. Not regularly, but every three or four years, when someone would come up with a place to get together.

Their last meeting was their 60th birthday celebration, and they couldn't let 65 pass without another reunion, said Kentner.

So they picked a time—the most difficult part of the planning is always finding time when all are available—rented a house on Ricardo Street, and Tuesday, they began arriving.

"We're all retired, but we all have kids, grandkids, some have husbands, we all volunteer—we have lives that are wild. But we were able to pick three days that we could all be together. And mostly what we plan to do is talk, talk and then talk some more."

It was the teenage years that cemented their friendship, says Kentner.

"It can be so difficult to be a teenager. It was a real bonding time, going through that teenage angst together, the slumber parties, sharing everything. We love to rehash those times. We were pretty simple and naive, growing up in a small town. But everybody has a story to tell. And we laugh and laugh as we retell them."

Since their teenage years, they've gone through marriage, kids, divorce and grief over loss of loved ones—and there are no secrets, she says.

"We are such special friends. It's hard to put into words how much we mean to each other."

Nine women unite to celebrate their 65th birthdays in NOTL: (back, left) Gerry Kentner, Nancy Simmons, Lorraine Holmen, Linda Clark, Mary Beth Currie, Janet Taylor, Gail Timmerman, Susan Wheatley and Dianne Butler.

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NOTL soccer for over 35s

Michael Yap hopes a few more players will sign up for his 35-and-older soccer team, which plays at the Croatian National Centre on Line 3.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Wanted: men 35 and older who can still run.

New this year in Niagara-on-the-Lake is a soccer team that is competing in a seniors' league—seniors defined as those who will turn 35 this year.

The first game of the season, played at the Croatian National Centre on Line 3, and the score "was not representative of the soccer we played," says team organizer Michael Yap.

The 8-0 loss to a Niagara Falls team was a result of two of the local guys out early in the game from sprained ankles, leaving a shortage of men to play against a team with six subs, says Yap.

"We just ran out of wind at the end."

The Old Towne Gunners currently has 14 players signed up. Sixteen per game would be perfect, he says, so a roster of 20 would likely mean enough healthy guys showing up for the 16 regular games remaining for the season, Friday evenings, against teams from across the region who are members of the Peninsula Veterans Soccer League.

Yap says he had hoped to be able to play at Memorial Park, but league rules call for changing rooms and showers. The town had an issue with renting out the change rooms that provide access to the swimming pool because of liability, he said, although he would have liked a location where younger kids might come out to watch.

So he is renting the Croatian centre, which has a soccer field on its property—without lights, it's not ideal, but it works for earlier games.

While being able to run is a requirement, he says, "most of the guys are in pretty good shape, but not prime shape. We hope to be able to have enough subs, although some of the younger guys run a whole game."

The games are competitive, but are meant to be fun, he adds.

"Nobody goes out there to kill anybody. We all have to go back to work after the weekend."

Yap hopes the men's league will encourage younger guys to keep playing once they've aged out of minor soccer—many kids stop playing at the age of 14 because there isn't anything for them in town. This is his team's first year in NOTL, but there are clubs in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls that accommodate players in their late teens and young adults.

"It these kids realize there are other opportunities, it might encourage them to stay with it."

Registration is $220 per player. For more information call Yap at 905-651-1644.

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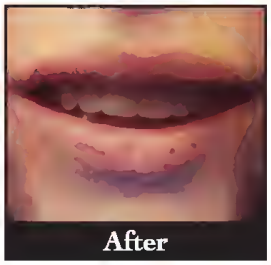

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Athletes or those who have built up a sport in NOTL can qualify.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

There are many worthy individuals who deserve a spot on the town's Sports Wall of Fame, but they won't get there unless they're nominated.

The deadline is the end of May, and Ted Wiens, chair of the nomination committee, hopes to have a good cross-section of athletes and sports builders to choose from.

But each year he worries that there are people who should be nominated who are left out, because people always assume somebody else has or will nominate them.

"We know there are many people who have been vital in helping sports programs in town. We're just hoping people will recommend them."

Each year, two people are chosen to be added to the wall. And although it's located in the arena, Wiens points out, it's not all about hockey—tennis, football, rowing, lacrosse, golf, swimming and basketball are just some of the sports that are represented.

"It's not a hockey wall of fame, it's the Sports Wall of Fame," says Wiens.

The Meridian Credit Union Arena opened in 2003, and in 2004, "the NOTL Kinsmen wanted to do something for one of their own, Stan Ignatczyk, who had passed away prematurely," Wiens explained.

Ignatczyk, a former Lord Mayor of NOTL, was a quiet man who didn't like attention—he deflected it to others, said Wiens.

The Kinsmen came up with the Wall of Fame to honour him as he would have wanted—by honouring others who were deserving of recognition.

"That's how this started, and it's how Stan would have liked it."

The person nominated must be, or have been, a resident of NOTL, and can be nominated in one of two categories: an athlete outstanding in their athletic field, or a builder such as trainer, coach, official or executive member whose work for NOTL sport has been outstanding.

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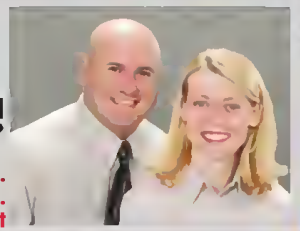

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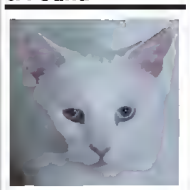

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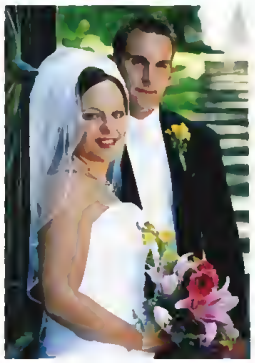

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Klassen wins gold at Eastern Championship

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Nikki Klassen has won gold again in gymnastics, this time at the Eastern Canadian Championships.

Klassen returned from Halifax, Nova Scotia, with a first place in the floor event, and a second overall for the Ontario team, with 240 girls representing six provinces.

She was fourth on the bars.

While it was the most important event she competed in all season, and she admits to being nervous, she said she was a little more relaxed because it was the end of the season—she wasn't trying to qualify for anything, just to do her best.

It's tumbling, she loves, and that she's best at, but bars, the event she has the most trouble with, is the one she will train especially hard at with Gym Energy in St. Catharines.

As she prepares to enter high school—the A student will go to Eden in St. Catharines—she will spend about four hours each weekday training, while her friends are relaxing and enjoying their summer.

"I'm used to this. I've been doing it every summer for years, and I'm still hoping to get a job as well."

She's competing at Level 8, and has to move up a level to compete at the national level. That's her next goal, but whether she will get there this year is a question mark in her mind.

"I will have to push myself really hard, and it's going to be tough. There aren't a lot of 14-year-olds at that level, but I hope to be one of them. Right now I know I'm not ready, but I have a year to get there," she says.

How the hard work will mix with the added stress of her first year of high school is another concern, she says.

"We have to learn to handle the responsibility and pressure of high school. I just tell myself I'll do my best and hope it works. We have to just take it step by step, and for me the next step is nationals."

Although the summer just means more hard work for the gymnastics enthusiast, Klassen isn't complaining. "I love learning new skills. I never feel I don't want to be there, doing what I love. If anything I wish I could be there even longer."

Virgil teen Nikki Klassen won gold in gymnastics at the Eastern Canadian Championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the floor event, and came fourth on the bars.

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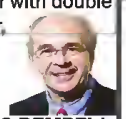

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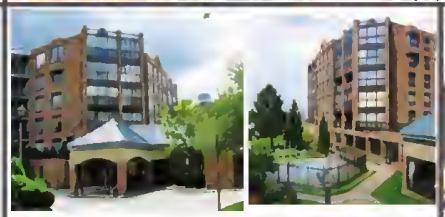

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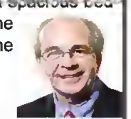

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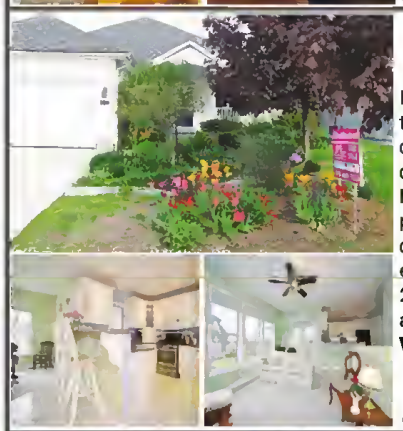

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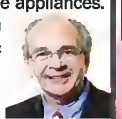

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